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The Coroner's Inquest, Etc.

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SINGULAR CIRCUMSTANCE.

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At Pine Street church one person was baptized on Sunday.

At the Manchester church the monthly meeting of the Sunday-School Association was held, and the services throughout were most interesting. Rev. Dr. Hatcher made an excellent address, and some of the pupils of the Manchester Baptist Sunday school acquitted themselves handsomely in an exhibition.

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